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The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence issued the following statement today:

The Committee has been informed of allegations that the Committee's Chairman has requested U.S. intelligence agencies to place Committee members and Committee staff under surveillance.

The fact is, that in accord with Senate Resolution 400 and pursuant to applicable provisions of law, the Committee has requested that the CIA which has the responsibility for U.S. Government counter-intelligence activities abroad and the FBI which has responsibility for counter-intelligence in the U.S., promptly inform the Committee of information regarding the activities of foreign intelligence services which are directed at members of the Committee and the Committee staff.

The Committee has been in touch with the CIA and FBI and those agencies confirm that no surveillance of members and staff has taken place.